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Approximately 7,500 gallons of a coal-processing chemical leaked out of a tank at Freedom Industries and into the Elk River, contaminating the water supply for about 300,000 West Virginians served by West Virginia American Water Company in and around Charleston. The leak was first detected on Thursday, January 9, and EPA representatives from OSC and arrived at the spill site early Friday, January 10 and remain. (Mark Ferrell, 304-342-0231)

Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) wrote jointly to EPA and CDC (Centers for Disease Control) to request a collaborative and comprehensive study into the long-term public health risks associated with crude 4-methylcyclohexane methanol (MCHM), which leaked into the Elk River and contaminated the water supply for West Virginia American Water Company customers for days. (Mark Ferrell 304-342-0231)

Rep. Nick Rahall (D-3WV) said on Tuesday, January 14, that as ranking member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee he intends to schedule a field hearing in Charleston, W.Va., regarding the January 9 chemical spill that left 300,000 West Virginians without potable water service for several days. The committee has jurisdiction over emergency response, the Clean Water Act, and the Corps of Engineers. (Mark Ferrell 304-342-0231)

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